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SUBJECT: CCD: WEEKLY REPORT, JULY 31 - AUG. 4, 1978

1. SUMMARY: THE CCD HELD TWO PLENARY MEETINGS, AUG 1, AND AUG 3. IRAN MADE BRIEF STATEMENT WHICH TOUCHED UPON THE SSOD, MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE, CTB, AND CW. ROMANIAN STATEMENT EMPHASIZED VIEW THAT CD WAS A NEW BODY. THIS POSITION CAUSED MINOR DISPUTE BETWEEN ROMANIAN AND SOV REPS OVER WORDING OF COMMUNIQUE WITH SOVIETS WISHING TO ADHERE TO LANGUAGE OF SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT REGARDING CREATION OF CD AND ROMANIANS INSISTING THAT COMMUNIQUE REFLECT WHAT THEY ACTUALLY SAID. A COMPROMISE WAS EVENTUALLY REACHED. HUNGARIAN STATEMENT REFERRED TO SSOD, NON-STATIONING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, CTB, CW, NEUTRON WEAPONS, RW, AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. CCD RECEIVED REPORT FROM SEISMIC EXPERTS, BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH CONSENSUS ON RECOMMENDATION IN REPORT AFFECTING CONTINUATION OF GROUP'S MANDATE AFTER CD COMES INTO EXISTENCE. END
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SUMMARY.

2. AT AUG 1 PLENARY, IRANIAN REP (FARTASH) BEGAN HIS STATEMENT BY REVIEWING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SSOD IN AREA OF DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. HE PRAISED THE NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE SECTION OF THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO OBLIGATIONS REQUESTED OF NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES

AND THE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO A MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE. IRANIAN REP STATED FRUSTRATION WITH LENGTH OF TIME NEGOTIATION OF CTB HAS REQUIRED, BUT ADDED "...WHEN AGREEMENT ON VERIFICATION SEEMS NEAR, IT IS PREFERABLE TO AWAIT A COMPLETE TREATY." IRANIAN REP ALSO URGED U.S. AND USSR TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE A JOINT CW INITIATIVE.

3. ROMANIAN REP (ENE) MADE STATEMENT AT AUG 1 PLENARY WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY GENERALITIES EXCEPT FOR EMPHASIS PLACED UPON THE NEW, "MORE DEMOCRATIC" NATURE OF THE CD AS WELL AS GROWTH OF UN RESPONSIBILITIES IN DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. AT END OF AUG 1 PLENARY, SOV REP (LIKHATCHEV) TOOK EXCEPTION TO WORDING OF COMMUNIQUE SUMMARIZING ENE'S REMARKS WITH RESPECT TO CREATION OF CD. SOVIETS INSISTED THAT COMMUNIQUE ADHERE CLOSELY TO LANGUAGE OF SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT WHILE ROMANIANS MAINTAINED THAT IT SHOULD REFLECT EXACTLY WHAT ENE HAD SAID. COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WAS AGREED UPON AFTER PLENARY. ROMANIAN MISOFF IN CONVERSATION WITH U.S. MISOFF, LATER ATTRIBUTED DISPUTE TO LIKHATCHEV'S IMPERFECT UNDERSTANDING OF ENGLISH.

4. AT AUG 3 PLENARY, HUNGARIAN REP (DOMOKOS) MADE STATEMENT WHICH REVIEWED POSITION OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON SSOD AND ON SPECIFIC ISSUES INCLUDING NON-STATIONING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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BASED, CTB, NEUTRON NUCLEAR WEAPONS, CW, RW, AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. HUNGARIAN REP EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF CTB AND ADHERENCE BY ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AS WELL AS DANGERS POSED BY TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS. IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY HUNGARIAN REP TO PROHIBITION ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS WAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. HE NOTED THAT CONCLUSION OF A CW AGREEMENT MIGHT GENERATE INTEREST IN RW AND IN VIEW OF THE ACCUMULATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AND POSSIBLE ATTRACTIVENESS OF SUCH WEAPONS TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, URGED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO NON-PROLIFERATION ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM.

5. DURING AUG 1 PLENARY, SWEDISH REP (NORBERG) INTRODUCED PROGRESS REPORT ON BEHALF OF AD HOC GROUP OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS TO CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE MEASURES TO DETECT AND IDENTIFY SEISMIC EVENTS. REPORT RECOMMENDS INTER ALIA, THAT CCD INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE OF WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE INFORMALLY IN AD HOC GROUP, THAT NEXT SESSION OF GROUP TAKE PLACE BETWEEN FEB 19 AND MAR 2, 1979 AND THAT CCD EXTEND DUE DATE FOR GROUP'S REPORT. REPORT OF AD HOC GROUP WAS CONSIDERED

IN INFORMAL CCD SESSION ON AUG 3. INDIAN REP (GHAREKHAN)
ENTERED "PROCEDURAL" OBJECTION TO CCD'S APPROVING EITHER
DATE FOR AD HOC GROUP TO CONVENE IN 1979 OR TO REPORT IN
1979. HE MAINTAINED THAT CCD WOULD END IN 1978 AND OPPOSED
DECISIONS BY CCD WHICH WOULD BIND ITS SUCCESSOR, THE CD.
ROMANIAN REP (TUDOR) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR INDIAN POSITION,
HOWEVER, MOST OTHER COUNTRIES ADVANCED VIEW THAT SOLUTION
COULD BE FOUND TO PERMIT AD HOC GROUP TO CONTINUE ITS
WORK WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY DECISIONS CD MIGHT WISH TO
TAKE IN THIS REGARD. CONSENSUS WAS NOT ACHIEVED;
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS POINT WILL CONTINUE IN INFORMAL
SESSION ON AUG. 8.

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